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QUOTE S E C R E T SALT TWO GENEVA 5094

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SUBJ: SALT MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 1973 (SALT TWO -- 277)

REF: SALT TWO GENEVA 5085

1. IN WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS SEPT 22 AND 24, USDEL INDICATED IT WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO CHIEFS OF DEL MEETING ON SEPT 24 INITIATIVE FOR WHICH ON BOTH PROTOCOL AND SUBSTANTIVE GROUND WAS IN SOVIET COURT IF ONE WAS TO BE HELD. HOWEVER, SOVDEL CONFINED SELF TO PROPOSING REGULAR DEL MEETING ON SEPT 25 AT SOV MISSION TO WHICH WE OF COURSE AGREED.

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2. OPENING STATEMENT BY JOHNSON (SENT SEPTTEL) REVIEWED U.S. MAY PROPOSALS IN EXACT LANGUAGE USED AT THAT TIME AND CLOSED BY SAYING WE WERE "LOOKING FORWARD" TO EARLY SOVIET RESPONSE.

3. SEMENOV'S FOLLOWING STATEMENT (SENT SEPTTEL) WAS ENTIRELY GENERALITIES REplete WITH REPEATED REFERENCES TO 1972-73 SUMMIT AGREEMENTS, BUT MADE NO MENTION OF 1974 TARGET DATE.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT IMPROMPTU EXCHANGE JOHNSON REITERATED VIEW THAT U.S. PROPOSALS WERE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THOSE AGREEMENTS AND BALANCED AND FAIR TO BOTH SIDES. HE HOPED FOR CONCRETE SOVIET RESPONSE TO THEM. SEMENOV SAID USDEL "WILL NOT HAVE TO WAIT TOO LONG" TO HEAR SOVIET VIEWS ON U.S. PROPOSALS AND SAID U.S.S.R. EXPECTED RESPONSE TO "ITS PROPOSALS." HE HOPED USDEL INSTRUCTED TO SEEK SOLUTIONS BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL SECURITY. SEMENOV DID NOT PICK UP JOHNSON OFFER TO MEET BEFORE FRIDAY AND JOHNSON AGREED TO SEMENOV PROPOSAL FOR MEETING SEPT 28. JOHNSON
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